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ANTI-RED WAR. FAMILIES NOW LEAVING SWATOW. VICTORIES CLAIMED.

Naval intelligence to hand this morning states that some of the anti-Red families are leaving Swatow. This, on the face of it, refers to the families of the anti-Red party now in possession, i.e., of officers in General Chan Kwong-ming's fold.

It has been customary in Kwangtung politics for an exodus of the camps of leaders to precede a crisis. However, in this instance there may be other reasons as during the last week-end some of the highest officers in the Chan party returned to Swatow, leaving almost immediately for the front, these including General Hung Luk.

To-morrow the s.s. "Hydrangea" is due to leave for Swatow and the company reports that it has not been advised to postpone departure. The Douglas Co's s.s. "Haining" is also leaving on Friday.

Coincident with reports published elsewhere on this page is the unconfirmed statement that the Whampoa Cadets and other Red detachments are advancing towards Swatow, having completely taken the Hoifung district and threatened the Chi-Mui area. On the other hand, the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" gives full particulars of the capture of Hoifung city by the anti-Reds, the officers in charge being specifically mentioned. One fact seems to have been definitely established—that Whchow is still in the hands of the Cadets and that the anti-Reds are very far off.

With practically every source of communication in Red hands and most outlets of information dominated by them it is difficult to expect any report of a substantial reverse for the present Canton regime. The position must be judged, to a certain extent, by the trend of news from Canton. In the absence of any report from the Red capital claiming any major success it may be presumed that neither side has moved any distance in the Swatow war but that the anti-Reds do not feel their position secure.

"KALYAN'S" DELAY. WELCOME ARRANGEMENTS ALTERED.

SIR R. E. STUBBS'S DEPARTURE.

Whilst the arrangements for the reception of Mr. Cecil Clementi, the new Governor of Hongkong, have had to be altered owing to the delay of the s.s. "Kalyan", those in connection with the farewell of Sir R.E. Stubbs remain as announced yesterday.

If the s.s. "Kalyan" arrives on Saturday afternoon or evening the swearing in ceremony will take place in the Council Chamber at about 6 p.m. as possible and if on Sunday morning it has been arranged for as near 10 a.m. as possible.

STRIKE NEWS.
QUEER CANTON "OFFICIAL" REPORT.
MERCHANT DELEGATION.

That a steamer from Bangkok had been detained by strikers at Canton is the gist of a report to hand. Neither the steamer's name nor any other particulars have been divulged.

The "Wah Tsz Yat Po" is in receipt of a cable to the following effect from Canton: "All grades of officials in the Kuomintang Government favour the settlement of terms to end the strike."

In connection with the report that a delegation of Canton merchants has come to Hongkong to pave the way to ending the strike, it is now learned, states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" that the news is premature. A Hongkong Chinese merchant has been asked to inquire as to the prospects of such a mission.

CHAN'S ALLIES. NEWS OF "UP-COUNTRY" MOVES. CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Tang Yun-yan (the pro-Chan general now holding the southern peninsula of Kwangtung) is advancing by two routes to attack Kongmoon. Fighting has broken out at Yanning (in the Sze Yap districts). The Kuomintang Government is sending the 5th, 7th and 8th brigades of the Hunanese Army to cope with the movement. (Special cable to the "Wah Tsz Yat Po.")

Yesterday a report was published from the "China Mail's" Peking correspondent that Sunning had fallen into anti-Red hands. The "anti-Reds" referred to in this respect are probably those formerly under General Leung Hung-kai, alleged to be in detention at Whampoa. These troops retreating into the interior on the approach of the Reds from Canton.

Shekhi Position.
Passengers arriving from Macao yesterday are quoted as having stated that there is little truth in

CABINET RESIGNS. CRISIS IN FRENCH POLITICS. STATEMENT BY PREMIER. (Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Oct. 27.
M. Poincaré went to the Elysee at 2 p.m. to tender the resignation of the cabinet.

A communiqué issued by M. Poincaré says that "the Cabinet, which previously had favourably examined M. Caillaux's financial proposals, on the same subject which disclosed no essential division among members of the Cabinet in order to deal with the political and Parliamentary situation as revealed in the recent Party demonstrations."

He is convinced that an urgent effort is necessary for national restoration and can only be pursued with the certainty of a stable majority.

The government has unanimously decided to tender the resignation to the President.

SWATOW FIGHTING. CHAN VICTORY CLAIMED OUTSIDE. "NEWS FROM FRONT"

From an authentic source it was learned this morning that fighting has been in progress for a day or two outside Swatow.

Possibly the trend of operations may have had an influence on the reported departure of officials' wives and families, reported elsewhere in this issue.

However, those who received the news claim that the Chan Kwong-ming forces got the better of the scrum. One point is that a battle is taking place anywhere near Swatow, it means that the Reds must have gained some ground after the last halt. The words "near" and "outside" on the other hand, may mean any part of the large area forming the hinterland of the port.

Cadets Flee & Starve!
On October 24 there was a Red debacle at Shanmei, a smaller port nearer to the Red line of advance than Swatow. People from Shanmei state that 3,000 Whampoa Cadets and other Red soldiers

ALLEGED FRAUDS. CASE AGAINST EUROPEAN MANAGER. SUM OF \$18,000 INVOLVED.

The trial of James Edward Atherley on six charges of alleged misappropriation of sums amounting to \$18,000, belonging to his employers opened at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. D. H. Blake prosecuted, and Mr. R. A. Wadsworth appeared on behalf of the complainors of the firm involved. Mr. W. B. Hind was for the defence.

Outlining his case at length, Mr. Blake said that the defendant was for nearly four years the manager in Hongkong of Messrs. Getz Bros. and Co. (of the Orient), Ltd., an American corporation with branches all over the Far East, and he was responsible to the head office of the firm in San Francisco for all business transactions, of which he had sole charge.

The business necessitated the employment of a compradore, and Chan Kan-yan performed this work for the past four years. It was his duty to make collections and disbursements, keep an account of all money transactions and also to make payments to the Bank on instructions from the manager.

The irregularities, Mr. Blake said, commenced in March 1924, but were not brought to light until a week ago when complaints were made regarding outstanding bills. In April of that year the compradore asked for instructions from the defendant in respect of a sum of money which he had available for paying into the Bank and he was asked to wait until the whole amount had been collected. Later, when the whole amount (\$5,981.93) had been collected, the defendant received the money and gave the compradore a receipt under his own signature and the chap of the firm. Such receipts were made out from time to time by the manager, and he destroyed the old ones by including the amount in the new one on the lines of a receipt for \$13,000 odd produced in Court. This was a common document to be passed between the compradore and the manager in case the money had not been paid into the Bank. The compradore in his position was bound to comply with the orders of the manager and had to pay out money without question.

A sum of \$1,500 paid to Mrs. Atherley to meet her expenses to the U.S.A. was also mentioned, the compradore being given a personal I.O.U. by the manager, who said that the money was a charge on the firm. Other payments made by the compradore were two bills representing household expenses of the manager, these also being stated to be for the firm's account.

In conclusion, Mr. Blake said that the books had been kept in English and Chinese. Without the assistance of the manager and through other causes he had great difficulty in gathering together accurate proofs and getting the case to court as quickly as possible. For these reasons, he could not actually guarantee the accuracy of all the details he had given.

During the outlining of the case, Mr. Hind asked His Worship to record, his objection, to counsel's submission of documents and books which he contended did not constitute evidence.

The evidence of the compradore was next taken and the case is proceeding.

TOO LATE?

JUDGE AND SHANGHAI INQUIRY.
(Reuter's Service.)

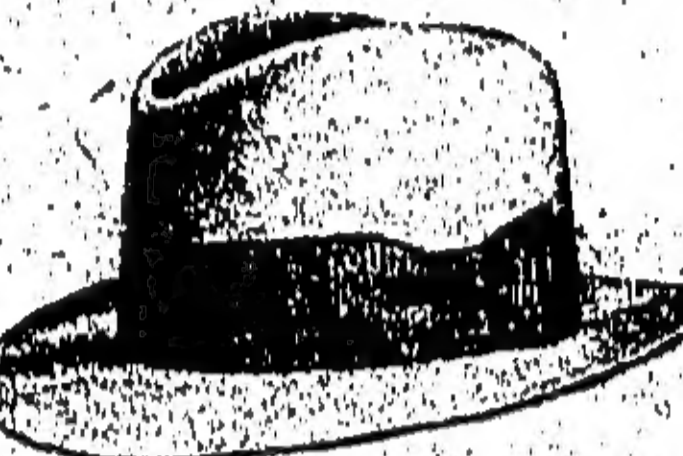
Shanghai, October 28.
The judicial inquiry adjourned and the commission reserving the right to recall further evidence.

The American Justice, Mr. Johnson, President of the inquiry, remarked that he was very glad that the inquiry had been held at Shanghai and that the diplomatic mission of investigation from Peking had not been placed in a position of embarrassment.

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LEADING FIGURES IN THE FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS.



the report that anti-Reds have captured Shekhi, the capital of the Heungshan district which, incidentally, is the birthplace of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The travellers are said to have added that all the fighting that took place there was between about 200 semi-bandit irregulars under Yuen Tai, who was once a notorious outlaw, and the armed strikers' pickets near Chinsan, resulting in the strikers being disarmed.

Another special telegram to the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" states that Canton has ordered General Li Fook-lam and Chu Pei-tah to recapture Heungshan.

Yet another report is that the Reds, being in great apprehension as to the outcome of the fall of Shekhi on account of its proximity to Canton and other important centres, have fitted out a naval and military force to retake the place. The report goes on to say that fighting is expected in a day or two.

Navy v. Cadets.
In response to urgent representations from the magistrate of San On (the district just across

A European who was discharged from jail yesterday, after serving a period of imprisonment for a traffic offence, was charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempting to smuggle a letter out of the prison on behalf of a French fellow prisoner. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25.

To-day's weather report states moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail over the northern China Sea and surrounding coasts. The forecast for to-morrow is (Hongkong) N.E. winds, fresh to fine; and for Formosa Channel it is N. winds, fresh.

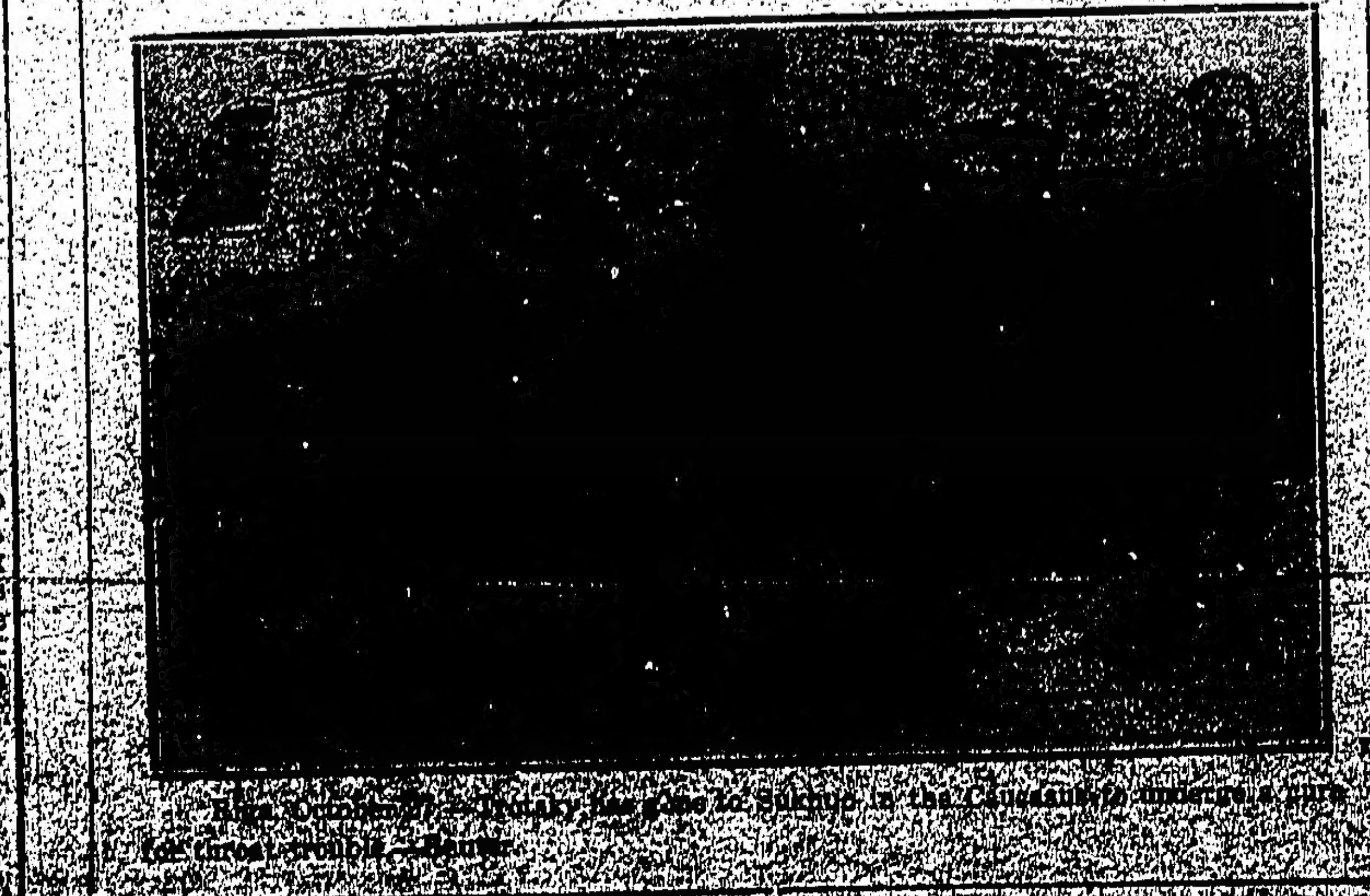
The British border about 1,000 Whampoa Cadets were despatched from Taiping (near Bouca Tigris, at the mouth of Canton River) to Chakwan (the bay beyond Deep Bay, in Chinese territory). About 700 of the Cadets were stationed there to cope with any landing by the Northern Navy, the remainder being split up into patrols. After one night the Cadets left the coast in the direction of Samchun.

were fleeing, without offering battle, from 8,000 Chan troops. Some of the Cadets trekked overland, but a number took panic, commandeering native vessels. A few large junks each took away as many as two to three hundred.

Yesterday a fishing junk arrived in Hongkong. Forty-seven Red soldiers had gone aboard at Shanmei, ordering the crew of five to set sail immediately in spite of their being no provisions. Until the soldiers disembarked at a spot described as "the Chinese hill behind Cheung Chau" both crew and military had to subsist on one bowl of congee a day. When the crew tried to make for a Chinese Customs station they met with rough treatment. The Reds had eight machine-guns and ammunition with them when they left.

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"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	28th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	9,077	14th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & S'bay
"KARMA"	10,941	8th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,912	14th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	28th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London
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"ARAFURA"	4,500	18th Nov.	Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, Zamboanga, S'pore
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	25th Nov.	Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, Zamboanga, S'pore
"TANDA"	4,500	2nd Dec.	Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, Zamboanga, S'pore
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"TANDA"	4,500	15th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,941	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	9,077	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	10,941	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,912	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	9,077	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	10,941	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,912	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	9,077	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	10,941	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,912	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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A MESSAGE NEEDED.

H.E. the Governor has one
public opportunity before he
leaves to convey a searching
message to this Colony. He has
controlled its destinies sufficiently
long enough to appraise the forces
that go to make our interesting
life. Human nature, in all its
varied forms, must have passed
before him as does a huge
caravan before the wanderer in
the desert. Has all this taught
him anything on the big question
of the human needs of this
Colony? Has he a message for
the British race living here, based
on his own experience? The British
are in possession here. They rule.
Do they guide? Of the Govern-
ment's position there is very
little to be said that may be con-
sidered derogatory. There is
sufficient evidence to demonstrate
the benevolence, wisdom, toler-
ance and justice of all that applies
to British administration. It is
an example which others might
well follow. But we are not con-
cerned here with matters of
Government. We are concerned
with those who have come from
the home country in pursuit of
their "Jawful Occasions." It can-
not be said that many of them
seem greatly excited by another
example of the "Jawful Occasions"
described as "the white man's
burden." And they go their way

oblivious of the implied obliga-
tion pressed on every British in
the Far East. It seems a fact
that such ephemeral matters as
the doings of sportsmen, cause
more interest and enthusiasm
than anything else—unless it be
money—that can be named.
Hongkong is not alone in this
respect. Physical human achieve-
ment—or the play of physical
powers—attracts and interests—
here and elsewhere. Such a
sound and convincing journal as
the "Round Table" is certain that
British trade in many lines is
slipping backward and is losing
its enterprise and vitality. The
atmosphere of the Treaty ports,
it says, is mainly responsible for
this weakening in the British
position. "Hard work has ceased
to be fashionable, the amenities
of life come too easily, there is too
much money to be made in com-
missions, speculative investments
and dealings in land." Perhaps
we ask too much in suggesting
that His Excellency's last words
should be a clarion call to mem-
bers of his own race out here. In
penning these lines we had no in-
tention of dwelling at any length
on such material matters as trade,
and its development. We had in
mind the relationship between the
British and those of other races
who are subject to British rule in
this Colony. We have neglected
the opportunity of getting to
know these classes or to appre-
ciate their views or their feelings.
Efforts of fellowship have been
made, but indifference, and in
some quarters, ridicule, have kil-
led the efforts. His Excellency's
mind has reacted to opinions,
advice and experience. Out of all
this there must have evolved cer-
tain and definite convictions
which it would do the British
people good to have. We trust
that the farewell meeting will be
used to leave a message of no un-
certain kind. Something is
needed.

BALKAN TROUBLE

The Greco-Bulgarian frontier
incident which resulted in the
shooting of a Greek captain and
century is typical of the activi-
ties of political conspirators
in the Balkans. The Greek
States activities which are
not confined to Bulgaria

although that State is thought to
harbour them in greater numbers
and with more considerable mili-
tary influence. The outbreak of
hostilities on the frontier was
coincident with the signing of a
treaty between Bulgaria and
Turkey and would appear to be
very much in the nature of a
flouting of newly acquired confi-
dence as a result of it. The
treaty itself was not unexpected,
and in its effects, apart from the
deplorable outward expression
referred to, there is no reason why
it should not work for good. In
the belief that such defensive
alliances will act as an insurance
against inter-Balkan conflict, the
League of Nations has lent assis-
tance along these lines although
the fate of the Greco-Bulgarian
Minorities Protocol goes to show
that the international atmosphere
at Geneva is rather too optimistic
for enduring good to result of
agreements there when there is a
majority in the countries concern-
ed of stormy ultra-nationalists.
This Convention was rejected by
the peoples of the States concern-
ed and presumably its place so far
as Bulgaria is concerned has been
taken by the friendly alliance with
Turkey. And what of Greece? Negotiations were at one time well
advanced for an alliance with
Yugo-Slavia and such an alliance
is considered to be a vital neces-
sity unless another ally presents
itself. They broke down tem-
porarily at any rate as a result of
a difference of opinion as to whether
certain differences of opinion
which had arisen should be settled
by direct negotiation or by sub-
mission to the League of Nations.
In the meantime there is stated to
be a marked improvement in
Greco-Italian relations, and
against this has to be set what is
termed as a "disturbance" at Geneva
between Turk and Yugo-Slavia.
Talks of a rapprochement in this
direction are considered to be
illusory, however, and prob-
ably originated in pique on the
part of the Yugo-Slavs at the
action of Greece rather than in
any point of contact between these
two States with such differing
national outlooks. Now that the
treaty between Turkey and Bul-
garia has definitely been signed,
however, it is extremely probable
that Greece will be moved by a
realisation of the danger of isolation
both from her own point of
view and that of others interested
in the maintenance of peace in the
Balkans to drop smaller differ-
ences and join with Yugo-Slavia in
an alliance which will make it
easier for both the Greek people
and the Serb element in Yugo-
slavia to regard Balkan affairs
with more detachment and with
consequently less strained rela-
tions. Such an alliance, it is
thought, will stabilise Balkan
relations so as to assist the gradual
improvement of the relations be-
tween each State and Bulgaria.
It is regarded as the first step to
Balkan peace, although it goes
without saying that it is not neces-
sarily the last.

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In many a passage of "Under
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find crystallised into poetry his
moods as a dweller in this Isle of
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beauties, veneration and love for
spots which by association or
dedication have acquired signifi-
cance, also the longing for Home-
land institutions finding expres-
sion in celebrations of them even
on an Oriental shore—these are
the chief notes struck in the poems
of Mrs. Gladys Jackson, a local
writer of verses who needs no
introduction.

The subjects chosen for versify-
ing are such that a certain
amount of sentimentality is un-
avoidable but for anything that
may not be quite to the taste of
those who dislike displays of feel-
ing or anything even in the direc-
tion of a suggestion of religious
leaning there is much to com-
pensate in the style and dignity of
expression that marks the verses.
This book contains the collected
poems of Mrs. Jackson and is
printed privately. It can, how-
ever, be obtained from Messrs.
Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., at the price
of \$1.50. The limited edition
should be disposed of very quickly.

Managua, October 27.—As a
sequel to the recent disturbances,
President Solarezano, and ex-
President Chamorro, the Con-
servative leader, signed an agree-
ment under which the Cabinet
ministers will be dismissed and
the Congress will be dissolved.
The Government will receive \$10,000 and his group
will be paid off by the Govern-
ment.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Self-government in Jama-
ica is in course of being
brought one step nearer
to realisation. The administration
has hitherto been in the hands of
British officials, who control a
majority of votes in the Legislative
Council, certain limited financial
and other powers only being re-
served for the elected members,
subject to a procedure under which
the British Governor can resume
them himself. Now a new system
is to be tried under which five
elected members of the Legislative
Council are to be admitted to the
Government. The composition of
the Legislative Council is to be re-
vised so as to create a permanent
non-official majority in that body.
The chief point still to be decided
is understood to be that of the
powers to be exercised by the
Governor in overruling the new
Council. The question here is
whether such powers should be
general, as the British Government
are understood to have proposed, or
whether they should be restricted,
as has been advocated locally, to
matters specially certified as of
"paramount importance." In any
case, an appreciable advance in the
direction of democratisation appears
to be assured. Sir E. Stubbs seems
to be in for another interesting
time.

American and Japan-
ese apologists seem to
hold the palm—the
M. CHALLAUX later for getting at
their "prey" at all
cost—this former for asking all
sorts of questions. It is not a new
thing for visitors to the States to
have questions thrown at them
having nothing at all to do with
their visit, in many cases, ques-
tions the exceedingly had taste.

Here is an example of the sort of
thing meted to Mons. Challaux on
his landing in America as head of
France's War-debt commission:

"We know you were not con-
victed of treason, but will you tell
us just what you were convicted of?"
M. Challaux threw up his hands
in obvious disgust. "I am the
Finance Minister of my country,"
he declared, "and I refuse to
answer such a question."

We are told that the Minister
was visibly perturbed by the
question put to him, and the
Shreds man can quite believe it.
Fortunately not all American news-
paper-men are like the un-
known one quoted. Nor are all
"American papers" "yellow." The
Christian Science Monitor is to be
congratulated on referring to the
matter in the following strain:

The visitor has been highly
honoured by his own country, de-
spite the stigma put upon him
during the period of bitter political
battles incident to the World War.
He was greeted at the dock by the
United States Ambassador to Paris,
the French Ambassador to the
United States, and an under-
secretary of the Treasury Depart-
ment. At Washington he will be
welcomed as the diplomatic repre-
sentative of a sovereign power. De-
spite this, a representative of the
American press offered him a
wanton insult at the very gateway
to the Nation. The incident can
only add to the disputes in which
American journalism is held in
foreign countries. The Christian
Science Monitor feels that an ex-
pression of regret is the least that
can be done to make amends for so
gross a breach of journalistic pro-
priety.

CHINESE CHAMBER.

YESTERDAY'S COMMITTEE
MEETING.

LOANS, PROPERTY, &C.

That the Government had re-
fused to grant a moratorium of
two months to local property
owners whose lots had been put
up for public auction by mort-
gagees was communicated to the
monthly committee meeting of the
Hongkong Chinese General Cham-
ber of Commerce held yesterday,
a letter from the Secretary for
Chinese Affairs being read to that
effect.

Apparently, those who had
asked for the extension of two
months had pointed out the desir-
ability of maintaining the prop-
erty market and suggested that
foreclosure be deferred till mort-
gagors obtained loans from the
Government to pay off mort-
gages.

A letter was also read from the
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and the
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall stating
that the Government will itself
value property offered as security
for the Trade Loan, instead of
accepting architects' valuations.
The meeting decided to request
the two Chinese members of the
Legislative Council to oppose the
proposed increase of (Govern-
ment) school fees next year on the
ground that such increase would
be a hardship on parents of
moderate means.

An appeal for relief for 5,000-
000 famine sufferers in Kweichow
province was referred to the Tung
Wah Hospital.

The meeting also discussed the
restoration of communication
with Swatow now that it has been
retaken by the anti-Red party.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC.

JAPANESE SEAMAN
GUILTY.

\$5,000 FINE IMPOSED.

The discovery of 384 taels of
raw opium in a store room of the
s.s. "Amakusa Maru," had its
sequel at the Central Magistracy
yesterday when a boatswain was
charged with unlawful possession
of the drug.

The accused pleaded guilty, and
was fined \$5,000, or five months'
hard labour.

In another search 252 taels of
raw opium was found in a lifeboat
locker on the same boat. No
arrest was made in connection
with this find.

The total value of the two
seizures is approximately \$1,800.
Batavia, October 27.—The col-
lapse of a bridge over the Sura-
baya River, between the three
main bridges, has caused three
persons to be killed and three
injured. In addition 25 persons
are missing.

EXPORTING MONEY.

YESTERDAY'S MAGISTRACY
CASES.

A EUROPEAN'S PLEA.

At the Central Magistracy yes-
terday afternoon, Mr. S. B. B.
McEldey disposed of a large
number of cases dealing with the
exporting of money from the
Colony. Others, besides Chinese
were charged with the offence.

The first case was against Mr.
A. W. van Andel, who was
charged with attempting to ex-
port \$65 in Hongkong notes.
Pleading not guilty, defendant
said that he was going to Shan-
ghai on business. On seeing the
Chinese searched on the wharf, he
told the Inspector that he had
money and asked whether it was
right to go on board. His money
was then taken away, and he
was allowed only \$20, which he
considered insufficient to meet his
expenses. The case was dismissed,
the defendant being advised to
get a permit the next time he in-
tended visiting Canton.

A Chinese charged with at-
tempting to export \$120 on the
Macao boat had his money for-
feited.

Another, represented by coun-
sel, was found guilty of a techni-
cal offence and fined \$5.

The charges against two others
were dismissed, the defence being
that the defendants had no inten-
tion of leaving the Colony.

Two Indians were also charged,
but owing to their absence in
Canton the cases were adjourned.

To-day's Cases.

Two further cases came for
hearing before the same Magis-
trate this morning when the de-
fendants claimed ignorance of the
regulations.

In the first case a Chinese was
charged with attempting to ex-
port \$200 to Macao. Defendant
stated that he was an employee
of a Club at West Point and the
money represented his savings
for a number of years. He was
on his way to Macao to see a rela-
tive with whom he expected to re-
turn to Hongkong. The case was
remanded till Monday to enable
his statements to be investigated.
A sum of \$188 was involved in
the other charge. The defendant
was fined \$20, which will be
deducted from the money seized.

Cairo, October 27.—Squadron
Leader Coningham and Flight
Lieutenant Rowley and Dugga
started from Helwan at seven
this morning on three DH9A
machines on a flight to Mecca and
back. Lt. Gen. Sir Richard O'D.
Haking and others wished them
good luck. The machines will be at
Mecca and then return to Helwan.
O'D. Haking and Dugga will fly to
Mecca and return to Helwan. The
other two machines will fly to Mecca
and return to Helwan.

£1,000,000 SCHEME.MUSIC-HALL AS SUPER
CINEMA.

PASSING OF THE "EMPIRE."

Negotiations for the sale of the Empire Theatre in Leicester Square, with a view to its demolition and the erection on the site of a super cinema on the lines of the American picture theatres, have so far advanced that the promoters of the scheme hope within the next three weeks to be able to announce that the deal has been completed and the necessary contracts signed. Sir Alfred Butt is the managing director of the Empire Theatre, and the probable purchasers are a new company representing the Metro-Goldwyn Film Corporation of America and the Jury-Metro-Goldwyn Company of London.

Sir Alfred Butt told a representative of "The Daily Telegraph" that negotiations had been more or less under discussion since last Christmas, when he paid a visit to America and booked "Rose Marie" for Drury Lane. He emphasised that the deal had not been completed, but stated that the scheme was so far advanced that plans of the proposed new building had been actually prepared, and by those who had seen them had been warmly approved. The architect is Mr. Thomas Lamb, who has designed many of the palatial American cinemas. Mr. Lamb has been in London for the past month.

Sir Alfred Butt said he had been enormously impressed during his visits to America with the splendour of the American picture houses and the possibilities of success awaiting such a building if erected in London, and the proposed new building in Leicester Square would embody all the features both as to management and structure that had won his admiration.

To Seat 3,500.

The estimated cost of the proposed building was £1,000,000, half of which would be subscribed in America and the other half in England. Seating accommodation would be provided for 3,500. "In order to enable the American type of entertainment to be given," he added, "there will be a large stage on which ballets and light operas of about twenty minutes' duration can be presented at intervals in the picture programme. An orchestra of not fewer than sixty performers will be engaged, and special features of the building—again following the lines so successfully adopted in America—will be a magnificent tea room, ladies' boudoirs, smoking rooms, and probably Turkish baths. The new building would cover not only the site actually occupied by the Empire Theatre, but adjoining land at the back. If the scheme goes through without a hitch, as now seems highly probable, it is hoped to commence the work of demolishing the Empire by the end of this year. The new building should then be ready for opening before Christmas, 1926.

"First Release" Films.

"The control of the theatre will be in the hands of the Metro-Goldwyn Company of London," added Sir Alfred. "The American Corporation spends \$15,000,000 a year in producing new pictures, and the new theatre in Leicester Square will have the exclusive first showing in England of every picture they produce. Mr. Marcus Lowe, who is the dominating figure of the corporation, at present operates 166 cinemas, and his rise to fortune is one of the many romances of the film world. As to the charges for admission, the highest-priced seats will probably not cost more than 8s. The performances will be continuous."

Before Mr. S. B. B. McDermid at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Wong Lam-yuen, printer and publisher of the Chinese newspaper "Wai Kiu Yut Po," was charged with publishing a telegram which had not been passed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. This telegram, it was stated, referred to a victory achieved by the great leader, Chan Kuei-shok. Pleading guilty to the charge, Mr. M. K. Lo said that this was not so. He attributed the appearance of the article to inadvertence, as, in order to save time, the type had been set up from the copy and the original sent to the censor. In this case the telegram appeared before the censor passed it, but it was reproduced in the English papers the following morning. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Mistress: "I'm glad to notice you're taking more interest in your work and have been doing much better lately."
Main: "Yes, the mistress and me's made it up."

A BARONET'S SON.COMPLAINT OF POLICE
TREATMENT.

NOT ADDRESSING AN ESQUIRE.

A letter from the son of a baronet complaining that he was treated with incivility and was not addressed as esquire was read at the Norwich Police Court, when Mr. Nigel Courtenay Musgrave, described as independent, of 25, Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, W., was summoned for motor-car obstruction.

The evidence was that his car had upset the tramway traffic in St. Giles-street for several minutes. When he was seen to come out of the Hippodrome, he refused to answer, although asked by the police three times, whether the car was his and drove away in it.

The Lord Mayor then read the following letter from Mr. Musgrave, addressed to the chief constable:—
Bachelors' Club, Piccadilly, W.,
August 5, 1925.

Dear Sir,—
I received the enclosed summons today at my father's (Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart.) house, and should be very much obliged if you would be good enough to have my full name and proper designation inscribed thereon. I think you will find, if it would not be putting you to much trouble in looking up Burke's Peerage and Baronetage, that being the eldest and only son of my father, I am entitled to the designation after my name of "Esquire," although no doubt the inspector who was so very rude to me on the 15th of July last still considers that I am a criminal out and out and not even entitled to be addressed as "Sir," which I believe is the duty of an inspector and ordinary constable when speaking to a gentleman to address him and speak to him as such.

I recently saw my cousin, Lord Hastings, about the matter, and he advises me to take up the whole matter, which I intend to do, and if, which I quite understand, you in the right way, I shall go and see the Lord Lieutenant of the County about the whole thing, whom I know personally very well and he will advise me as to the best course to be adopted. I very much regret having left my car and thereby causing an obstruction, and I shall pay the fine whatever it amounts to, which I have no cause to complain of, but what I do very deeply and strongly resent is the insolent manner in which I was treated by the police, and the public have a right to bring these matters to notice, as in the recent case of Major Sheppard.

Yours truly,

(Signed) COURTENAY MUSGRAVE.

The Lord Mayor: I am really sorry for the man who writes such a letter as this. In a few years he will be dead, as we all shall be, and this nonsense is very touching. A fine of 10s. and 10s. costs was imposed, the Lord Mayor saying that they would treat it as an offence of an ordinary human being and with due regard to Mr. Musgrave's dignity.

HYPNOTISM.DOCTOR ON A CURE FOR
LOST MEMORIES.

In the Psychology Section of the British Association Dr. William Brown, who is Wilde Reader in Mental Philosophy in the University of Oxford, and during the war personally hypnotised 600 people, expressed the view that simple cases of hysteria, including loss of the power of walking, loss of voice, and the like, were the result of the patient's belief that he had become paralysed, and one, could hypnotise the patient, who would become well immediately.

One read of people suffering from loss of memory being kept in hospital. He always felt exasperated on reading such items, because he knew that a wave of the hand would immediately bring back memory.

No perfectly normal person could be hypnotised. In war neurosis, a pronounced factor was the desire for personal safety. The patient wanted to get away from the firing-line with honour, without disgracing himself or betraying his comrades, but to get away at all costs.

Thus, for instance, when struck with fragments of earth thrown up by a bursting shell the thought passed through his mind that he was paralysed and became fixed.

Many cases of successful auto-suggestion were characterised by avoidance of thoughts and fears of failure. To get the best results the patient also required a course of psycho-analysis to rid him of complexes and thus enable him to face the world with a unified personality.

"Look here, where your dog has bitten my wife's mother."
"I'm awfully sorry."—I—I—I'll punish it!"
"No, don't do that! I'd like to buy it!"

ROYAL DEESIDE.THE ASSOCIATION OF
CENTURIES.

ROMANTIC MEMORIES.

The expression "Royal Deeside" is of comparatively recent usage, writes the Hon. R. Erskine of Mar in the "Daily Telegraph." It applies to the whole stretch of valley of the Dee, from Castleown in Fife of Mar to the capital of the ancient province of that name, which is, of course, the two Aberdeens (old and new) that look out across the grey and drummy waters of the North Sea.

It is easy to understand how this expression arose. It came into general use about the time when the late Queen Victoria purchased the estate of Balmoral—a place-name, by the way, whose true pronunciation is "Balmurel," which is how it is sometimes written in ancient documents. The etymology of the word is disputed, but what is certain is that it was the appearance of the English Court on Deeside which first caused that country to be distinguished by the epithet of "Royal."

Long, long, however, before the House of Windsor made choice of Balmoral as its autumn residence, in the shape of the Scottish Monarchy, had looked with an eye of singular favour on that country. The Dee itself has considerable claims to be considered as a river with an illustrious pedigree, whether regard be had to the origin of the name, the many stately castles that adorned its banks and neighbourhood, or the beauty and majesty of the scenery through which it has wound its fabled way for years without number. Anciently the river was worshipped. It was reckoned as goddess, as its name implies, and who that knows this noble river shall say that pagan superstition had no genius for conjecture?

In the legend of the origin of the Priory of St. Andrew's, in Fife, it is recorded that when the relics of the saint were brought from Constantinople to Scotland they were met at Kindrocht, in Mar, by Angus MacFergus, King of the Picts, who reigned from 731 to 761. We are told that Angus venerated the relics, and made a gift of Kindrocht to God and St. Andrew, after doing which he departed southwards, appointing the place to which he ordered the relics to be taken, to wit, Kilmory, in Fife, the ecclesiastical capital of the Pictish Kingdom. Doubtless there is legend mixed with this tale, but what there is also true history in it is highly probable. It is most likely that the long connection of Deeside with Royalty began with Angus, King of the Picts. At all events, his gift of Kindrocht, in Mar, to God and St. Andrew constitutes the earliest record of that connection which has come down to us.

MALCOLM AND MACBETH.

The next Sovereign of whom we have testimony similar to that set forth above is Malcolm, Canmore; and here we are on firmer historical ground, than is the case with regard to the great Pictish ruler. Malcolm visited the valley of the Dee at least twice in the course of his reign. He was there in 1057, when he fought and slew MacBath at Lumphanan; and again in 1073, on which occasion he raised a host in order to chastise the men of Moray, whose hostility to the Southern ruling family is notorious throughout early Scottish history.

Malcolm's connection with Deeside was more intimate than that of any previous Scottish Sovereign had been, apparently. He is said, on sundry respectable authorities, to have built the old Castle of Kindrocht, the ruins of which my friend, Dr. Douglas Simpson, is now excavating. According to John Taylor, the "Water Poet," and others, Malcolm built this castle for a hunting-lodge. "I speak of it," says Taylor, "because it was the last house I saw, in those parts, for it was the space of twelve days after I saw either house, come-fild, or habitation for any creature but deer, wild, horses, wolves, and such like creatures, which made me doubt that I should never have seen a house again." Taylor was on upper Deeside in the early years of the seventeenth century, and, as he learned what he states touching the old Castle of Kindrocht from the Earl of Mar, of that time, who (he tells us) caused him to be lodged in his own house—the existing Castle of Mar—it should seem that the tradition connecting Malcolm with Kindrocht, and therefore Deeside, rests on ancient and respectable authority.

The connection of Royalty with Deeside arose originally no doubt from a double motive. In the first place, there were strategic and military reasons governing the selection; and these are glanced at by more than one writer of the eighteenth century. "It was for this reason," we are told, "that Malcolm, the third King of Scots, did build a strong castle in the Deeside, called the Castle of Mar."

Kindrocht, and the out of pocket of a Summer Residence, for his diversion of deer-hunting, but in effect to bridge the Stoborn disposition of the fierce and lawless inhabitants, etc. But besides the political motive, the reality of which is to be plainly inferred from the results of the excavations now taking place on upper Deeside, there was also the venery one, and it, no doubt, was just as real as the other. Malcolm's love of the chase can be proved from diverse passages that occur in the early records of his reign; and though the legend connecting Angus MacFergus with Deeside says nothing of him, in quality of Nimrod, yet so stout and inveterate a warrior can hardly have been indifferent to the joys of the chase, whose pursuit was the normal occupation of the unemployed fighting-man of long ago.

AN APPROPRIATED BARLORD.

In the course of time, however, it happened that the first was forgotten, or sunk, in the second motive. With the consolidation of Scotland under feudal rule the great military and strategic strengths erected by our early kings were turned into purely sporting residences, or handed over to local landed proprietors, to be used by them for much the same purpose. In pursuance of his fixed policy of breaking up the great endowments of James I. took advantage of a change in the line of succession to the dignity of Mar to appropriate that "barony" for many years the family of the house of line was excluded from possession, and the vast estates of the Mar earl were administered by the Crown, whose successive winners were thus enabled to turn the whole of upper Deeside into a building-ground for themselves.

Benefit of its former military importance the Royal castle of Kindrocht in Mar now became a hunting-lodge exclusively, from which our kings and queens and their courts were used to sally forth to hunt the deer and other wild ventures within the bounds of Mar. In the reign of Queen Mary the family to which the earldom had rightly belonged was restored to its northern possessions, and thus was concluded the long connection of Royalty with Deeside. That association, however, was renewed when the late Queen Victoria purchased Balmoral; and well and truly was the connection restored; for, of the many Royal sportsmen who pursued the chase of old in the Bums of Mar, assuredly his claims of none stand higher in that respect than those of the present laird of Balmoral, King George V.

Scott's Wife (meeting husband at railway station): "Wha' ye lookin' for, Angus. Ye hav'na lost any o' ye're luggage, has' ye?"
Angus: "Aye—Ah canna find a newspaper an' food in the train!"

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HONGKONG'S BEST.

SHANGHAI BOWLS TEAM'S PRAISE.

GAMES "REMARKABLE HOLD."

The Shanghai Interport lawn bowls team arrived back in Shanghai on October 17 from Hongkong, after a rather unfortunate stay in the port. Though Shanghai had only managed to secure two victories in the Colony, the team had thoroughly enjoyed their trip, says the "Shanghai Times" (Sunday edition).

"The most remarkable feature noticed was the hold lawn bowls had got on the Colonists, who had put up what was about the best team Hongkong had ever had."

SPORTS MEETING.

SCOTTISH CO. (H.K.V.D.C.) ON SATURDAY.

"KEE CHEONG" CUP EVENTS.

Much interest has been shown in the first annual inter-plateau sports for the "Kee Cheong" Cup (presented by Mr. E. G. Shewan) of the Scottish Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The programme for the meeting this Saturday, at the Hongkong Football Club ground (Happy Valley) is:—

2.30 p.m. Final 100 yards.
2.45 p.m. High Jump.
3.00 p.m. Long Jump.
3.15 p.m. Final 220 yards.
3.40 p.m. 120 yards hurdles.
4.00 p.m. Putting the Shot.
4.15 p.m. 440 yards.
4.30 p.m. Tug of War.
4.45 p.m. 440 yards, open.
4.55 p.m. 880 yards.
5.05 p.m. Band race.
5.15 p.m. Relay race.

Among those who have contributed to the Sports prize fund are:—Major G. D. R. Black, V.D., Captain J. B. Ross, Messrs. J. Reid, G. M. Shaw, A. S. MacKichan, A. L. Shields, A. H. Ferguson, Lieut. A. Macgown, 2/Lieuts. H. E. D. Adams, K. S. Morrison, A. K. MacKenzie and C.S.M. D. J. Purves.

TOBA'S SUCCESS.

DEFEATS KUMAGAE AT SHANGHAI.

JAPANESE STAR'S FORM.

Mr. Toba, who represented Japan at lawn tennis in the last Far Eastern Olympiad, and who defeated Captain C. H. D. Callaghan (Hongkong open singles champion) in an exhibition match, has now won further honours.

On October 17 (the last day of the Shanghai season) he defeated Mr. Kumagae, the Japanese Davis Cup player, by 6-2, 9-7. The "Shanghai Times" says:—

"Very few tennis players would have given Toba credit for such a high standard of play but his work showed that he is a real champion in every sense of the word."

"To have been able to take two straight sets off the world-known player, Kumagae, is sufficient in itself to fortell a happy future for him, but to have done it whilst Kumagae was apparently in good form adds to the younger player's laurels."

"Toba showed the steadiness and never feared the tricky play of his opponent, who mixed clever strokes with fast drives, executed with ease. Of the two players it was apparent that Kumagae was perhaps the cleverer but the consistent and deadly returns of Toba were much admired. They won him the match."

"It was a game well worth seeing."

NEXT YEAR'S TESTS.

DISCUSSION AT HOME ON THE TEAM.

WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS.

A further letter on the subject of next year's Test Matches with Australia appears below:—

To the Editor of the "Athletic News."

Sir,—Are there far too many Northerners in this team? It is given in the order of batting: Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Holmes, Leyland, A. W. Carr (captain), Hammond, P. G. H. Fender, Lilley, Kilner, Tate, Macaulay.

If it is held that the bowling is inadequate I would suggest substituting Larwood (at No. 11) for Hammond.

J. HOTES.

123, St. Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

RUGBY REFORMS.

OXFORD BLUE'S TALK ON CHANGES.

HOW NEW RULES WORK.

[By H.P. Marshall, Oxford Blue & Vice-Capt. Harlequin XV.]

The new rules state definitely that it is illegal for more than three players on each side to form the front row before the ball is put into the scrum. Obviously, after the ball is in, which means that it must have passed a player on each side, it does not matter how many players come up, for it will have been hooked already and the loose-head will be valueless. In practice, therefore, the rule will be three, up only.

Next comes the difficult problem of the loose-head itself. The board have endeavoured to solve this by empowering the referee to award the right of putting the ball into the scrum on either side to the team which is not responsible for the stoppage of the game, or in case of doubt to the team which is territorially on the defensive. The scrum-half will thus be able to wait till he sees how his forwards form down, and put the ball in so that his own side has the loose-head.

About the soundness in practice of the rules concerning hooking for the ball I am not so certain. In theory they are good enough, the important point being that a player may not move either foot beyond the front line of his forwards until the ball is fairly into the scrum. On the whole, I think that if referees are strict in their application of these rules, players will gradually learn the need for control, and the problem of getting the ball in will be simplified.

A good rule is that which penalises a player who wilfully charges or obstructs an opponent who has just kicked the ball. The penalty for this is now exceptionally and rightly severe, for the opposite side are to be awarded at their option a free-kick at the place of infringement, or at the spot where the ball alights.

If it goes into touch, the kick may be taken from a spot ten yards from the touch-line, or if it alights in in-goal, at or behind a spot not less than ten yards from the goal-line.

While on the subject of penalty kicks, it is to be noted that players against whom a kick has been awarded must remain passive on or behind a line drawn through the mark where the penalty is awarded and parallel to the goal line.

The only other important change is that the ball must be thrown out so that it alights at least five yards at right angles to the touch-line.

Seattle (Wash.), October 14.—Vic Foley, bantamweight, claimant of the championship of Canada and the Pacific Coast was awarded the decision over Young Nationalista of the Philippines in ten rounds last night.—Associated Press.

SENATOR "SUB."



Bob Vesoh, old Tiger star, one of the Washington substitutes for the world series.

7-1 VICTORY.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY MATCH.

CLUB'S EASY WIN.

Playing the Royal Artillery at Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon, the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI won easily by 7 goals to 1.

At half-time the Club led by 3-nil. Price having scored once, and Vallack twice.

Shortly after the interval the Gunners reduced the deficit to 3-1, the ball going past Frank after a scramble in front of goal.

Then Price, Vallack, Lyon and Garrod each got a goal to make the total 7-1.

The Artillerymen lacked combination but their goalkeeper gave a very good display in spite of the 7 goals against him. Two of these goals were scored after a long bombardment.

On the other hand, the Club 2nd XI showed good team work and understanding. Price (outside) and Vallack (inside), on the left wing, caused most of the damage but Exell also played very well at outside right. Locke was the best of the halves and the backs came off with credit. Frank had little to do in goal.

The Club second team was:—A. J. Frank; C. L. R. Becker, J. Wedlake (capt.); W. H. Locke, L. P. Ralph, E. P. Stewart; A. S. Exell, S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon, G. R. Vallack, T. J. Price.

WEEK-END CRICKET.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club 1st XI in a friendly match v. Royal Navy on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday:—P. J. de Rome (Captain), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, H. G. Wallington, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. Ling, E. W. Hamilton, B. D. Evans, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman, Reserves:—W. H. Edmonds, B. Hawkins.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 1st XI in a league match v. Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, at the Kowloon ground, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, A. el Arculi, F. M. el Arculi, J. S. A. Curreen, O. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, H. D. Rumjahn, U. M. Omar (Captain), N. B. Kitchell.

WEIGHTS OUT.

NEXT RACE MEETING'S HANDICAPS.

For the 7th extra race meeting of the season on November 7, weights have been allotted by the official handicapper whose identity has still not been revealed.

Through Local Option and Grey Morn (1st and 2nd in this year's Derby) having been entered, stipulations are made as to weights if they do not start.

The lists as issued yesterday afternoon are:—

2nd race—Shek-O Handicap "B" Class—1 mile:—Beldorney Star 168 lbs; Demon Boy 166; Two Pairs 165; Saracen 165; Jambu 164; Mowgli 163; Grey Streak 162; Valiant 155; Nugget 150; May Leaf 147; Tadworth 144; Uncle Tam 142; Solly 139.

3rd race—Shek-O Handicap "A" Class—1 mile:—Grey Morn 169 lbs; King of the Plains 157; Saligia 156; Rebedor 155; Chicago 154; Blotting Paper 153; Grey Knight 153; Loch Rannoch 152; Rothessay 150; Gynn 149; King Emperor 144; Beauty Dahlia 143; Uncle Albert 142; Spotted Sand 141; Arabian Parrot 139.

[N.B.—If the top weight does not run, all weights will be raised 5 lbs.]

7th race—Shatin Handicap—1 1/4 miles:—

Local Option 175 lbs; Grey Morn 169; King of the Plains 157; Saligia 156; Curleasty Sheep 155; Uncle Chick 154; Chicago 154; Grey Knight 153; Loch Rannoch 152; Beauty Dahlia 143; Spotted Sand 141; Beldorney Star 138; Saracen 135; Jambu 134; Mowgli 133; Uncle Alf 131.

[N.B.—If neither of the two top weights run, all weights will be raised 7 lbs.]

Brooklands, October 10.—Leveck, on a H.A.D. Jap engine, broke the World's Ten Miles Record for one hundred cubic capacity motor cycles, averaging 98.02 miles per hour.—Times of Ceylon.

HOME TOWN.

PHAROS'S EASY HANDICAP VICTORY.

"DUKE OF YORK" RESULT.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, October 10.

The Duke of York Handicap resulted as follows:—

Pharos 1
Joy Rider 2
Verdict 3

Betting:—7 to 2 against Pharos, 18 to 1 against Joy Rider, 33 to 1 against Verdict.

Fourteen ran. Pharos won by six lengths, two lengths between second and third.

PLACE KICKING.

NORTHERN UNION RUGBY REPORTS.

NEWS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Sept. 30.

In the Northern Union Rugby International England beat Wales by 18 points, to 14 at Wigan.

Play was very even, and there was little to choose between the teams in the scrums. Close marking on both sides held up many promising movements.

After thirty-three minutes a fine concerted rush, in which the forwards and halves participated, ended in Burgess scoring an unconverted try for England.

A minute from the interval, following a delightful movement by the Welsh outsidies, Evans scored an unconverted try.

The half-time score was:—

G. T. P.
England 0 1 3
Wales 0 1 3

On the resumption, Carr, the England centre, scored an exciting try. Osborne succeeded with the kick.

Then Hurcombe went over for Wales and Sullivan added the major points. Thus the score was 8 all.

There was a riot of scoring in the last twenty minutes, Carr and Fairclough scored tries for England, and both kicks at goal by Osborne succeeded.

Buttrig and F. Evans scored tries for Wales, none of which, however, was improved upon.

Osborne's place-kicking thus won the match for England, the final score being:—

G. T. P.
England 3 1 18
Wales 1 3 14

Nepia's Engagement.

London, October 2.

The Northern Union Rugby League Council has announced that in future no player, whether he has received permission from his League or not, shall be allowed to leave the Dominions to play in the English League without two years' residential qualification.

The new agreement has been accepted by New South Wales and New Zealand, and now applies to all Australian Leagues.

The agreement is not retrospective and Nepia, the famous All-Black, if he has already received permission, may play for England without a residential qualification.

LADIES' BILLIARDS.

INTERESTING COMPETITIONS AT HOME.

London, Sept. 17.

A project for an amateur billiards championship for women is arousing considerable interest. Of the women's clubs in London the Lyceum and the Forum each have a well-equipped billiards room, where many lively contests take place during the course of the year.

At the Lyceum Club there are three silver trophies to be won in competition—the Championship Cup, open to all members of the club, the Marie Coleman Cup, to be won on handicap, and the Williams Cup, for the highest break of the year.

At the Forum they have the Open Championship Cup, the Janto Evans Handicap Cup, and during the present season the members are competing for a silver Cocktail Cup, to be won outright, presented by Mrs. Edward Shuttleworth.

Vienna, October 30.—Mile. Lenzler beat the German champion, Erich Neppach, 6-1.—Times of Ceylon.

"In Siegfried There are Things too Beautiful For Words."

Thus does a famous critic describe the great wonder film.

"THE NIBELUNGS"

Besides magnificent moments of valour and glory, there is to be seen in this superb picture a dragon as splendid as any medieval monster ever imagined. There is a great forest through which Siegfried passes—mighty, mysterious. There are the Mistlands, wrapped in a magic that no stage steam can compass. There are flaming fields through which Siegfried rides to the castle, with its wide rooms and white walls, and low doors; and its vast empty floors across which people move with mythical remoteness.

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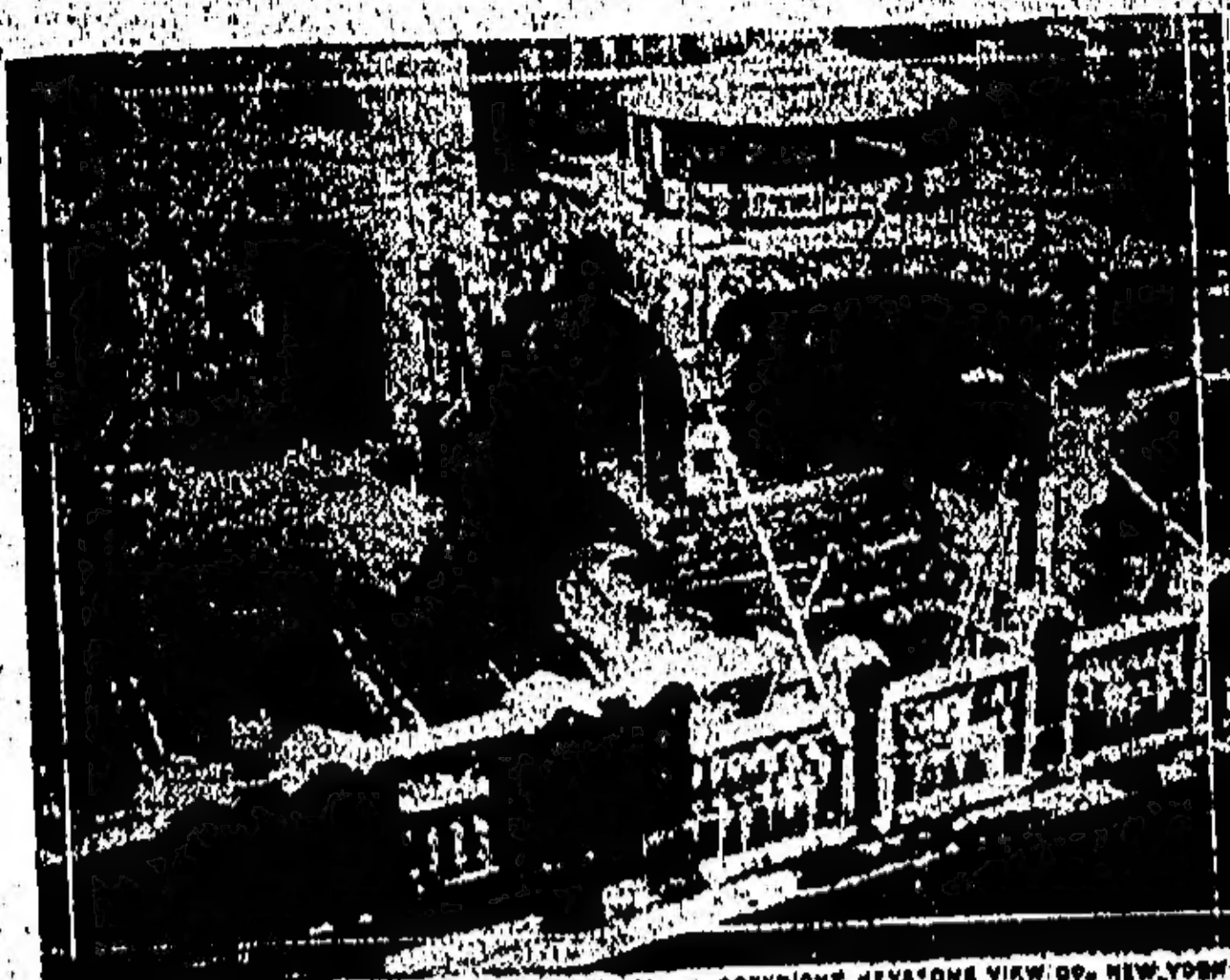
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"The Old Lady" Undergoing a Change.—The Bank of England, in London, is frequently referred to as the "Old Lady." It is now having its interior torn out, and a new one put in, the outside walls hiding all views of progress from the curious pedestrians.



Favourite Bottle Baby of Incoming Liner.—Miss Marie Dressier, famous comedienne, was the favourite "bottle baby" of the s.s. "Paris" on a recent voyage.



Great Inventor Enjoys Motor Boating.—Hudson Maxim, one of the greatest inventors, is an ardent follower of outdoor life, especially motoring and motor boating. Despite the fact that he has but one hand, he drives with abandon, and the thrill of riding with him is one never to be forgotten.



Grandson of Count Tolstoy Genom von Hottel.—His Tolstoy, Russian Government, grandson of the famous Russian statesman, Count Tolstoy, is making his living as a groom and stable hand in the Imperial riding academy owned by a fellow countryman, Count D'Almeida. Tolstoy had two estates in Russia and been married to a Russian and a French, but all were lost during the Revolution. His mother is at present living in Moscow.



In the full dress of his present military rank, H.R.H. Umberto, Prince of Piedmont, heir to the throne of Italy.



Herr C. de Kanya, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State of the Foreign Office of Hungary, who has resigned his post to go to Berlin as Ambassador. One of the country's ablest diplomats, it is said he has done this because of the failure to ratify the Kanya treaty, his "brain child," between Hungary and Soviet Russia. Both England and the little Entente warned against the treaty, because of an alleged agreement on minorities directed against Hungary's neighbours, especially Roumania. Kanya criticises the refusal as "pure emotionalism, because Hungary is hostile to Soviet ideas."



Queen Marie of the Rumanians (last) — Queen Marie of the Rumanians, who has been appointed to France (Amado, 1931) and the Duke of Aosta (1931) — King Ferdinand of 1931. This picture of the Queen in native costume shows her charming quality and her interest in the Rumanian people.

CITY OF DEATH.

HORROR OF DAMASCUS FIGHTING.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, October 27. Varying reports from Damascus indicate that Damascus passed through a terrible ordeal on the 18th and 20th inst.

The city bears the scars of the relentless measures taken to suppress the riots, following the action of the French in parading the corpses of bandits in the streets.

A traveller from Damascus says that on the afternoon of the 18th inst. a band of men headed by Chief Hassan el Karreth, penetrated the Chagour quarter, shouting, "Rise up, your brother druses are here." They attacked the police post and shot dead a French officer.

The inhabitants of the quarter armed themselves and joined the insurgents. All advanced towards the Madam quarter where they were joined by the inhabitants.

A hundred Frenchmen, working with Americans in this quarter, were caught between the insurgents and another body of rebels from the town and died fighting bravely.

Suddenly an aeroplane appeared and bombed the crowds. Tanks and armoured cars and other aeroplanes followed and all joined in spreading death among the rebels who fled in all directions from the terrible retribution.

Increasing bombardment. The insurgents continued to fire on public and military buildings and barricaded the streets. They fired certain quarters and finally the artillery opened fire from the Citadel on the rebel quarters.

The French made it known that the bombardment would not cease till the rebel fire ceased.

The bombardment lasted from Sunday night till Tuesday. Shells destroyed the Chagour and Madam quarters, while part of the Hamidiyah bazaar and other places were destroyed by fire.

The palace of Azim, one of the finest monuments in the East, was badly damaged.

Hundreds of victims are lying in the streets, probably at least 2,000 are buried beneath the demolished buildings. Apparently, Christians escaped.

The French sent 2,000 soldiers to the Christian quarters, which the insurgents had not attacked directly.

Damascus notables on the afternoon of the 20th inst. presented themselves to the High Commissioner and undertook to fulfil all the French Government's requirements.

Martial law has been declared. Anyone found with the possession of arms will be executed.

SEEKING VENGEANCE.

Another version says that six organised bands were working around Damascus. A band which entered Damascus on the 18th inst., composed of 40 men only under Karreth, intended to kidnap Marshal Sarraill.

The French bombarded the city to frighten the population whom they accused of complicity with the bands, and having informed the latter of the date of Marshal Sarraill's arrival in Damascus.

The rebels remained in Damascus till the 20th inst., and only retired because their presence was taken as a pretext to

REDS IN COURT.

CHARGES OF ALLEGED SEDITION.

"THE EMPIRE REBEL"

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 27.

A publication entitled "The Empire Rebel" was mentioned in the resumed proceedings against twelve Communists at Bow Street. A police sergeant who gave evidence of finding literature at the Communist headquarters, including a circular to which the "Empire Rebel" was attached, declared that apparently it circulated amongst factory workers.

The witness produced another circular addressed to Losovsky, Moscow, also to the secretary of the Berlin branch of the Moscow International, complaining of the non-receipt of promised funds.

Counsel for the prosecution declared the letter related to money promised to be sent to England, but not sent.

The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

BALKAN TROUBLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sofia, Oct. 27.

Greek rifle and machine-gun fire was reported in the direction of Plovdiv this afternoon. Simultaneously the Greek artillery is alleged to have shelled the village of Petrich.

Tokyo, October 27.—Commenting on the Balkan Conference, the morning Foreign Office speaker emphasised that Japan's policy toward China would remain the same whether the present Tokyo Government continues or is replaced.—Reuter.

bombard the city. It is alleged that the rebels did nothing reprehensible. Karreth visited the Christian quarters tranquillising them by saying, "You are our brothers."

It is also claimed that large numbers of Moslems took refuge in the Christian quarters during the bombardment and were well received.

Another version says that a band attacked Damascus to avenge themselves on the Armenians in the Madam quarter, who, it is alleged, enrolled in the French army generally.

Bands remain around Damascus, perhaps strengthened by men from Damascus, whose houses have been destroyed and whose families have been killed.

Well-informed people express the opinion that the theatre of operations will be shifted from Jebel Druse to the Damascus region, where bands are being well organised and believed to be composed of thousands seeking revenge.

NUTRITION DISQUIETING.

Paris, Oct. 27. "Le Matin" says that the latest telegrams from Syria are very disquieting. Damascus, where order is far from re-established, has been abandoned by its population, and the Druses who submitted have now broken faith. The situation is not critical but sufficiently serious to demand urgent measures on the part of the Government.

CANTON STRIKERS.

GROWING UNPOPULARITY EVIDENCED.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

The growing unpopularity in Canton of the strikers has been emphasised in earlier reports, one of its outward manifestations being the driving away of strike pickets attempting to interfere with the landing of passengers from the "Honam." From later reports it would appear that now the military have barred the landing of passengers, but this is not indicative of antagonism between the two factions, having been dropped. The Canton authorities have decided to make a determined effort to make their section of the railway pay, now that the anti-Red forces are away from the railway area, and the banning of "Honam" passengers is part of this scheme.

In other directions the Canton Government is expressing its determination to curb the power of the strikers, the merchants having made representations of indignation that they should be called upon to pay so much in taxes while the strikers make a good thing of the strike in the matter of squeeze. A cargo of considerable value which was confiscated by the strikers had to be returned by them on instructions from Dr. C. C. Wu.

The class of strikers, who in Canton itself have by far the greater power is curiously enough that of the barbers and cooks. It will be recalled in this connection that on Canton's Black Wellhead slightly over a year ago the barbers' guild was largely responsible for the conflagration and massacre which followed. When Saikwan was held by the merchants and Dr. Sun's Red forces could not get in, the barbers inside the western suburb are alleged to have let in the Reds and started fires themselves in many places. The power of the barbers and cooks at the present moment is confined, however, to Canton whilst at Shekhi, Kongmoon, Namtau, Taiping, Chinshan and other outlying places power is in the hands of the seamen, trans-Pacific seamen being the more active section and the coastal seamen more passive.

DUD AEROPLANES. Reverting to a phase of the military situation—that relating to the aeroplanes in the possession of Canton, a local resident on a visit to Canton was informed by one of the two German officers who have acted as tutors that the planes are in a very bad condition and need constant repairs even for short flights. The crashing of one at Tungshan a short while ago reduces the number to two. The officers in question are engaged purely for commercial purposes by agents other than the Government and have acted merely as tutors for prospective fliers. They themselves are said to be as opposed as any of the Bolshevik régime and together with others are observing critically events in the north. If Bolshevik control continues in the South until the Spring it is thought that the danger will be that it will receive an impetus as a result of the departure of Fukien troops which in the event of War in the North will leave to join Wu Pei-fu. The possibilities of active developments in the North this winter are considered remote.

Paris, October 27.—In political circles it is affirmed that the Cabinet this morning decided to resign collectively. It is rumoured in the lobbies that M. Poincaré has asked M. Herriot to enter the Ministry in the event of its reconstitution. It is understood that M. Herriot reserved his answer.—Reuter.

Sofia, October 27.—In consequence of the Greek bombardment, twenty-six Bulgarian soldiers and twenty-four officers, including five women, have been killed or wounded, also eleven soldiers missing, believed killed.—Reuter.

The scene of the little tragedy, two-comedy drama, was the police station of Slowomob. As the curtain rises to "slow music" the inspector is discovered at his desk. In front of him stands a weeping woman.

Inspector: Now, will you kindly give me, as near as you can, a list of the things the burglar took from your house?

Woman: (after standing a moment) A dozen knives and a box of silverware.

Inspector: (after waiting a moment) Now is there anything else missing?

Woman: (brightly) Only the bloke who took 'em.

TENS OF MILK.

LANTAO ROBBERY CASE ECHO.

ALLEGED RECEIVER DISCHARGED.

On a charge of receiving three tins of condensed milk knowing them to have been stolen, Kwok Kwai was charged at the adjourned Criminal Sessions to-day.

This case was contingent on the Lantao robbery case reported yesterday, the condensed milk being part of the goods stolen from the farm there. They were found in the defendant's possession in the house where the convicted men were arrested with their spoils.

Defendant's case was that he accepted the tins in payment for food given to one of the convicted men.

The jury found him not guilty.

TRAIN'S CRASH.

COACHES FALL INTO RAVINE.

LONELY SPOT DISASTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Memphis, October 27.

A north-bound passenger train was derailed and rolled down an embankment near Victoria, Mississippi.

Ten people are reported killed, and 20 injured.

TANGLED WRECKAGE.

Memphis, October 27. The ill-fated train, pulled the Sunnyside Express, was crossing a trestle bridge at 50 miles an hour. The engine and luggage van got safely across but the remainder of the coaches crashed into the ravine.

Most of the casualties occurred in three coaches which dived headlong on to a clay bank, the other coaches falling on them, forming a tangled mass of wreckage. The scene is lonely and isolated, and many died before a relief train could be rushed to the place.

ANOTHER REVOLT.

TROUBLE FOR DUTCH IN SUMATRA.

ATTACK ON TROOPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Batavia, October 27.

Trouble has broken out with Achinese. Following a recent Achinese attack on a military patrol.

Captain Paris proceeded to the scene with four detachments which the Achinese attacked. The troops fired and killed 12 Achinese. Seven native soldiers were seriously wounded and one killed.

Captain Paris and a European sergeant were slightly wounded.

The Military Commander of Achin is proceeding to the scene with four detachments.

Achin is in Northern Sumatra. The principal town is Kota Raja.

Achin long remained independent, successfully resisting the Portuguese in the 17th century. It was taken by the Dutch in 1874, and rebellion was finally suppressed in 1910-11. The interior is mountainous. Achin has been an important trading centre from the 17th century. The exports are pepper, rice, tobacco, betel. The area is 20,500 square miles and the population 700,000.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Station at Kowloon during the years 1924-5.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

October 28 to November 3, 1925.

High Water		Low Water	
Standard Time	Height in Feet	Standard Time	Height in Feet
Oct. 28	7.45	1.15	1.15
Oct. 29	7.45	1.15	1.15
Oct. 30	7.45	1.15	1.15
Oct. 31	7.45	1.15	1.15
Nov. 1	7.45	1.15	1.15
Nov. 2	7.45	1.15	1.15
Nov. 3	7.45	1.15	1.15

"SIEGFRIED."

QUEEN'S THEATRE'S WONDER PICTURE.

A PERSONAL NOTE.

What St. George and the Dragon is to the English, so is Siegfried and the rest of those half-gods—half men of the Nibelungenlied to the German people.

Much has been written about the German film that is being shown this week at the Queen's Theatre, trying to fit it into Wagner's Ring, albeit unsuccessfully, as the producer, Fritz Lang, never intended it should be a film version of the famous Wagner opera epic.

With Siegfried says the producer, quoted by the New York "Times," I have dared this experiment (that of giving something that is unique and individual, possessed by Germany in this legend and I hope it will meet with success, not only for the benefit of the production, but for the sake of recognition abroad of the great art of which the song of the Nibelungen is one of the most noble roots.

Those who have seen the production will have no hesitation in saying that because of the success of the mechanical side of the film, in a good deal of interest is sure to be aroused in the legend. The dream of Kriemhild, the landing of Brunnhilde on the shores of Burgundy, walking upon a bridge of shields upheld by warriors, the death of Siegfried in an idyllic spot, and the vigil in the cathedral with Kriemhild in the memory as exquisite fragments of a beautiful whole.

Yet in spite of this, there has been a lot of adverse criticism from both sides of the Atlantic. The picture was shown in London, in the Albert Hall, and in New York, in the Century Theatre. A leading New York Daily criticises Kriemhild, that she had been reduced to a watery edition of Elsa from Lohengrin, and that Brunnhilde, instead of being the heroic, beautiful maiden, is "an unsexed termagant."

This is, of course, the paper editorially, to the fact that screen versions of classics are always reduced to the intellectual lowest common denominator of motion pictures. Wagner is thirty miles away. Why, asks the paper, are these changes made? Because they record the way of the motion pictures, and motion pictures are incorrigible. Such is the verdict of the Press in America.

In England, when Siegfried first appeared, the "Manchester Guardian" waxed enthusiastic over "the first film to definitely challenge the supremacy of the older arts" (the split infinitive is not mine). It states that Siegfried is the pioneer of a new art, that of pictorial movement, and in this example everything moves in ordered sequence, the players, individually, and in masses, all move as part of the whole composition.

There is no irrelevant detail, nothing to distract the eye, even the emotions are dignified and restrained, and it is not until the final scene that we find Kriemhild staring to the depths of her being, in her mind search for an avenger of her slain husband, and rising to her feet she stands by her dead, and sings into the face of Hagen her challenge. It is then that we see the subtleties of the action, and because of the restrained atmosphere, this scene rises to heights that are very rarely reached in this newest art, heights that were previously only attained with the aid of the music of a Wagner.

P. S.

CHANGE AGAIN.

CANTON AND "HONAM" PASSENGERS.

CHINESE BROUGHT BACK.

Yet another change of front has been adopted by Canton, with regard to the landing of passengers from the s.s. "Honam," force having now been used to prevent landing whereas boats for a short time had been actually put at the disposal of disembarking passengers.

When the "Honam" moored to her quay it was seen that pickets were preventing sampans from putting out to the ship, also that two or three sampans managed to evade them. These sampans came alongside and a few Chinese passengers got into them. Half way between the "Honam" and the shore several shots were fired at them from the shore with what result is not known definitely, but it is believed that all landed safely.

Europeans whose destination was Shanghai landed safely, but the majority of the Chinese passengers were brought back to Hongkong. The Commissioner and his staff were seen on the pier and many were seen between 80 and 100

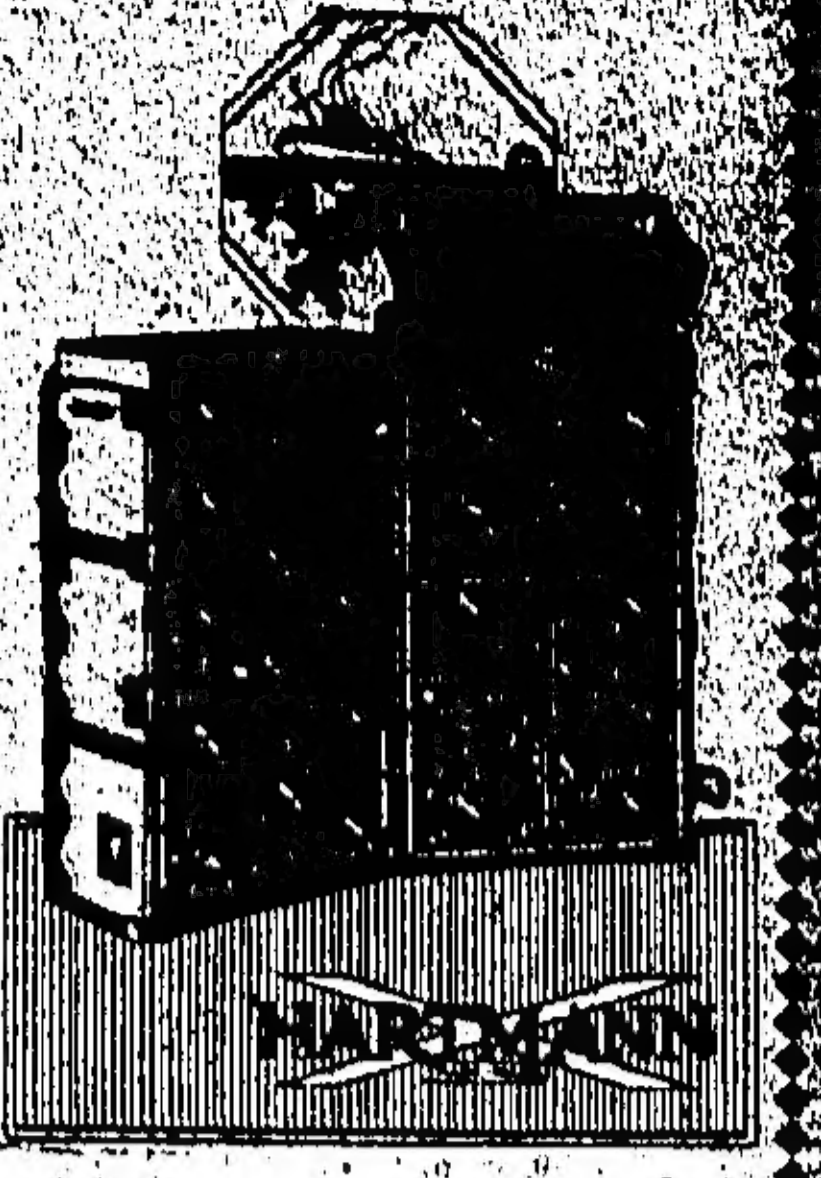
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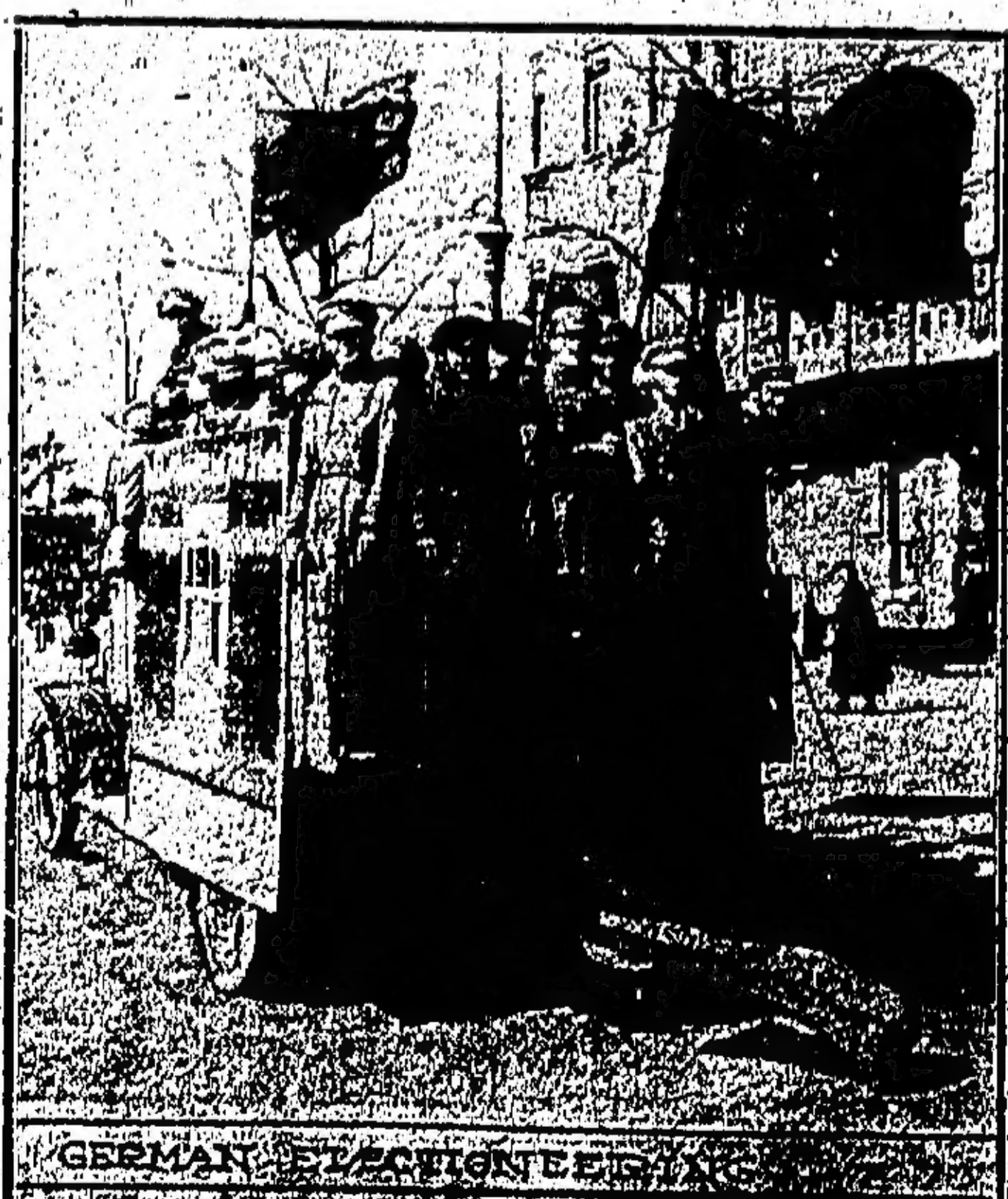
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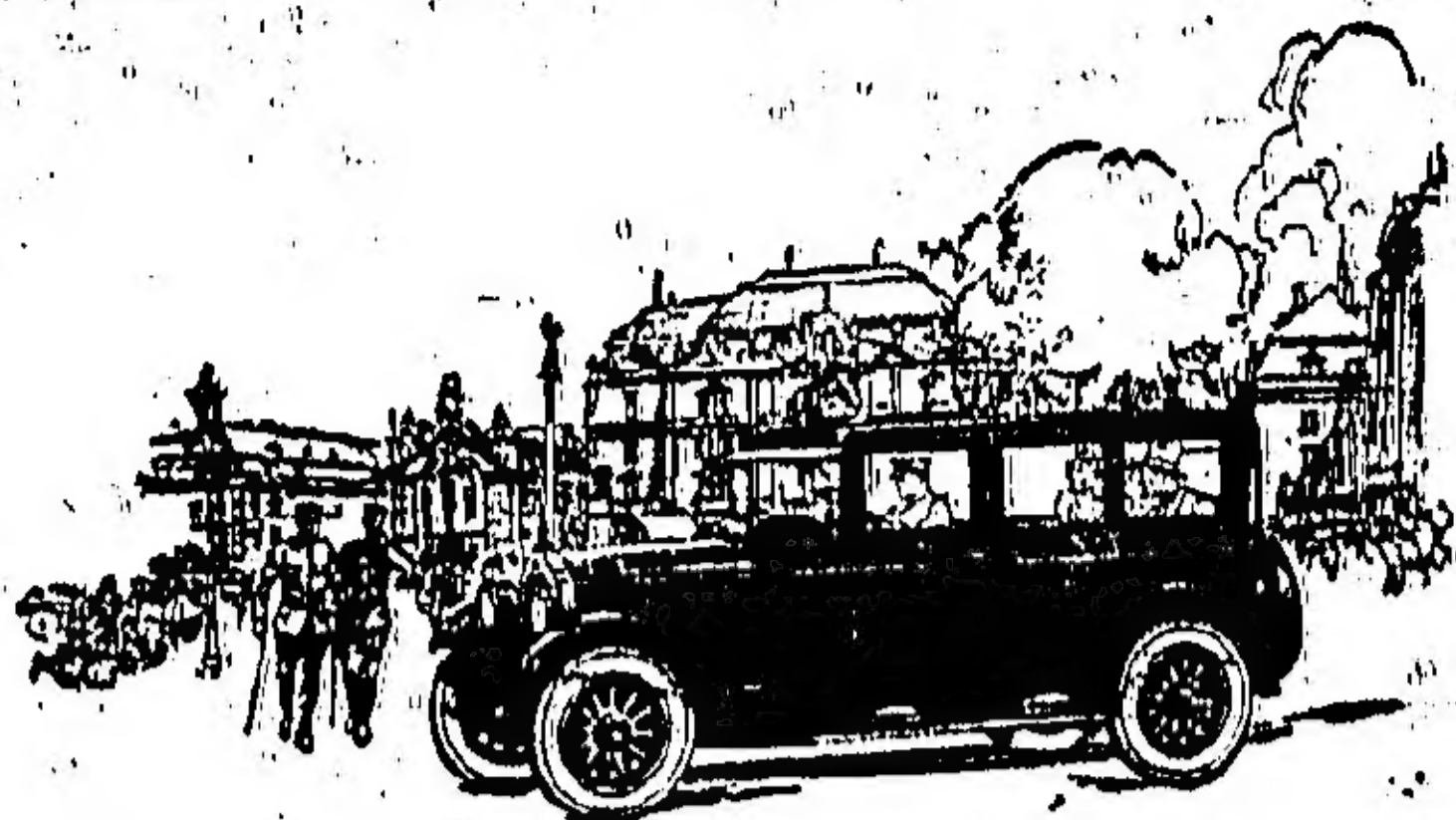
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Reporting the results of the Berlin Municipal Council elections, yesterday's cables said that as in many other places, the results were very close. The election was a result of many people were slightly injured. Photograph shows a typical German election scene.

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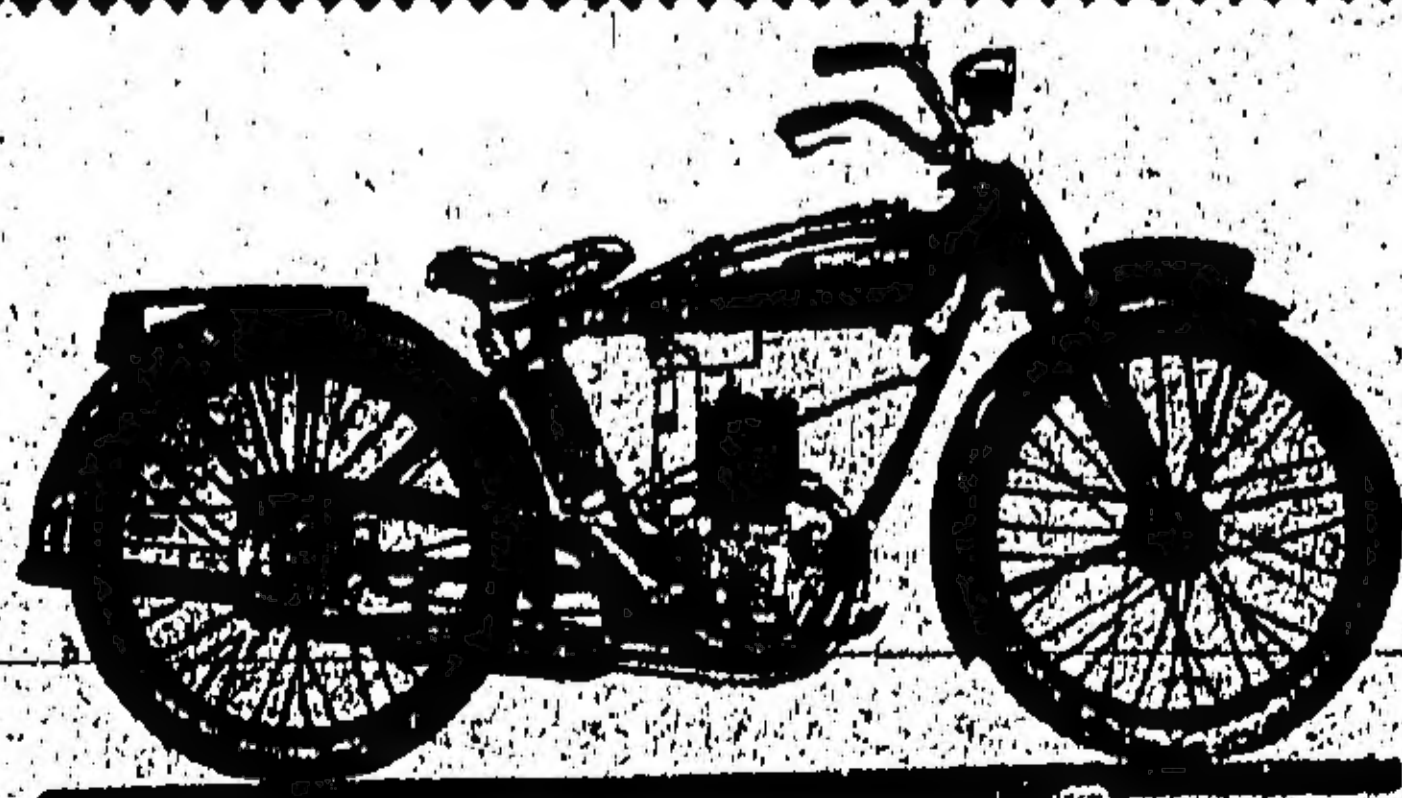
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The Archbishop of Canterbury and Yack recommend that where it is convenient the observance of Armistice Sunday should this year take place on November 8, rather than on November 15.

A Chinese motor car driver was fined \$25 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday for dangerous driving in Ice House Street. Mr. W. A. Dowley, who reported the matter, was thanked by the Magistrate.

Formerly trading between Hongkong and Wuchow (or Canton and Wuchow), the s.s. "Leung Kwong," which has been on the Canton-Wuchow run for some months, was pirated on October 24 near Tung Ma Ling, that hotbed of West River pirates. Four guards were killed, three wounded; the captain and chief officer (Chinese), two military officers and about 30 passengers were kidnapped by pirates which came out from the river bank.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred in the Colony for the week ended October 24, includes three cases of diphtheria (one English, one American and one Chinese), three cases of enteric fever (all Chinese) and one case of cerebro-spinal fever. The last named proved fatal. For the 24 hours ended on October 25 there was one Chinese case of enteric fever and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The raiders of a lonely farm at the north end of Lantau Island were each sentenced to seven years' hard labour at the conclusion of the hearing against them yesterday, the jury having found them guilty. They all pleaded that they had been influenced and one who said he was afraid and had been left in charge of the boat said he went to sleep and thought he was still dreaming when he saw the others coming back with articles of clothing, a bullock and a calf.

A musical will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, November 19, at 5.30 p.m. Programme arranged by Mrs. Collett. Admission 50 cents.

Until the other day, when 800 chests of opium were received in Hongkong by the m.v. "Kistna" for the Government, none of the drug had been imported since November, 1924, a shipment of 300 tons.

Brain stimulation by sunlight exposure is very marked, according to Sir Henry Gauvain, British surgeon. A group of children receiving sunlight treatment in a London hospital showed great superiority in mental tests over a group not being given sunlight treatment.

Theatre goers in Hongkong will be interested to learn that Allahabad is shortly to be visited by a talented company of London artists, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Young, who will present R. B. Salisbury's musical success, The Piccadilly Revels at the Palace Theatre.

The American Jewish Congress selected Philadelphia as the location of its 1925 convention which was held on October 25 and 26. With the exception of 1923, all gatherings since organisation have been held in that city. Distinguished leaders of European Jewry accepted invitations to attend the meeting.

Doubtless on account of the voices, she heard, Joan of Arc was chosen as the patron saint of the wireless operators who organised the inaugural pageant at Toulon depicting Joan's entry into the city. There was a long procession of knights and pages, headed by the Maid of Orleans, who was followed by her famous captain, Lahire, helmeted but lacking head-phones. Notwithstanding the burlesque character of the proceedings, wireless operators, and especially seagoing operators, have chosen the saint in all seriousness.

The poultry population of the United States has been placed at 400,000,000 by the Department of Agriculture. This number, the Department said, would make a procession 100,000 miles long and they could lay enough eggs each year to reach from the earth to the moon and back again.

Piccadilly Circus has gone in for sandwiches. "Forty Kinds of Sandwiches," reads one snappy lunch counter sign, hung out to catch the tourist trade that wants to eat while it runs. "Fifty Kinds of Sandwiches, All Different," advertises a rival establishment nearby. And fifty different sorts of sandwiches actually are listed on wall cards and produced to order.

Henry Ford, thinly disguised by the alias of Henry Flips, is the hero of a motion picture drama which has just had its premiere in Berlin. Ford is the hero whose inventions bring blessings to mankind, and the inventor of the death ray, also under an alias, is the villain bent upon human destruction. Ford, who incorporates the good spirit of modern industry, fights the villain and conquers. The drama is called "Curve to the Left, a Drama of Mechanism." The author is a Hamburg Journalist, Alfred Palitzsch.

A French girl's college near Paris has just published an advertisement in a much-read Berlin newspaper; a well-known men's hat shop in Berlin recently announced in an advertisement that its manager had returned from London with the latest models, and not long ago one of the most conservative and anti-French newspapers of the city published a favourable criticism of a French operetta performed at one of the leading theatres there. These little incidents are so many proofs that very gradually the wall which cut off Germany from the world of the Allies during and after the war is crumbling away, and that normal conditions are being restored.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Izetta Jewell Brown, distinguished American, is visiting Shanghai.

Mrs. R. Sanger is to render several songs at Mr. Harry Ore's piano recital on Tuesday next in the City Hall.

Mr. T. Honda, the Colony's ex-Tennis Champion, and Mrs. Behar and infant, left yesterday by the "D'Artagnan."

Mr. Allan Cameron (Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Ltd.) and members of the Italian Opera Company, arrived yesterday by the "D'Artagnan."

Mr. Fernando Bridat, the newly appointed Cuban Consul to Hongkong, is due to arrive here by the s.s. "President Lincoln" tomorrow, accompanied by his family.

There was a good attendance last night at the Seamen's Institute, where another successful dance arranged by the Social Committee of H.M.S. "Hermes" was held. Dance music was dispensed by the jazz band of the ship and dancing continued from 8.30 to midnight.

Mr. John Toulmin, J.P., of the "Preston Guardian," following his custom of recent years on the occasion of his birthday (his eighty-third), took a like number of poor crippled children a motor trip to Lytham, Blackpool, and Fleetwood on the 6th ult. Each child was given a packet of twelve pennies to spend.

Lady Fraser, widow of the late Sir Everard Fraser, for so many years a Great Britain's distinguished Consular representative in Shanghai and Senior Consul, returned to Shanghai in the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua." Mrs. Sidney Barton, wife of H.M. Consul-General, was also a passenger for Shanghai in the same steamer.

Mrs. A. E. Hersee is a passenger on the "President Garfield" which left yesterday.

Mr. E. S. R. Ho Tung and Miss D. O'Keefe returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Jefferson."

The jazzing proclivities of the Young General, Chang Tso-lin's son, are still the subject of admiring comment in the North. At a recent jazz festival in Tientsin the junior Chang and his fair Chinese partner carried off first prize.

Messrs. Macmillan are publishing this autumn a book of travel sketches by Miss Stella Benson, so well known in Hongkong, whose work, though infrequent, always confirms the critics in their admiration for her original genius.

Sir Frederick Michel Hodgson, K.C.M.G., formerly Governor of the Gold Coast Colony, of Barbados, and of British Guiana, who was besieged in and fought his way out of Kumasi in 1900, who died on August 6, aged seventy-three, left estate of the gross value of £9,278, net personality £9,098.

"Fathers seem to expect 100 per-cent. sons from a 30-per-cent. example," said Bishop S. A. Huston of Olympia, preaching in Seattle last month. "If I were to ask some of you what kind of an example you are setting your children you'd turn purple. Young people will do as we do, and not as we say. Parents have a remarkable faculty of forgetting their own shortcomings, indiscretions and sins, and vehemently denouncing the rising generation for what they complacently countenance in themselves."

There are a few changes impending in the personnel of the Kedah Civil Service, says the "Straits Echo." Mr. J. J. Fleury, State Veterinary Surgeon, and Dr. D. Bridges, State Surgeon, are returning from leave next month, and among those proceeding on furlough in the near future are Mr. E. V. G. Day, Secretary to the Sanitary Board, Alor Star, and Private Secretary to the Adviser, Mr. T. W. H. Kingston, Protector of Chinese and Assistant Superintendent of Customs, and Mr. E. Cranfield Hick, of the staff of the Government English School, Alor Star.

In a house at Church Street, Lower Edmonton, London, to be demolished owing to a road-widening scheme, Keats served as an apprentice and dispenser to a surgeon. The house has not been occupied for many years.

Even great dancers, who have, of course, to keep themselves in the most perfect training, permit themselves the indulgence of an occasional cigarette. Pavlova, still remembered in Hongkong, likes to smoke when she is engaged with business, and is very particular about her cigarettes. Her accountants keep an extra special Russian brand at their offices in the City, in readiness for her occasional visits when she is in town.

Informed that a pet wallaby was on its way to the White House as a special gift for him, President Coolidge went into hurried conference with Secretary Everett Sanders on the nature of the prospective addition to the executive mansion. It was finally determined that the wallaby is a species of kangaroo, and it will be accepted and turned over to the keeping of the zoo. The gift is from L. A. Newman of Tasmania, in remembrance of the visit of the American fleet.

"Will you shake hands with me?" said John Keen to Bailie Mrs. Bell shortly before he was hanged at Glasgow. Mrs. Bell was the first woman J.P. in Britain to attend an execution as part of her duties. "When Keen asked me to shake hands with him," she said afterwards, "I replied, 'Certainly, I will.' This little act seemed to please him. When he got to the scaffold someone exclaimed, 'Shut your eyes,' but the execution was over before I knew it had taken place."

Mr. E. C. Stocker, engineer with the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, was elected President of the American Club at the annual general meeting of the Club. Mr. O. G. Steen, acting head of the Robert Dollar Company's offices in Shanghai, was elected Vice-President and Mr. H. B. Longfellow, also of the Robert Dollar Company, was elected Honorary Treasurer. The other General Committee members elected were Messrs. E. L. McCloskey, Mr. F. W. McIntyre, N. G. Harris, H. J. Sheridan, Carl Crow and J. V. Clair.

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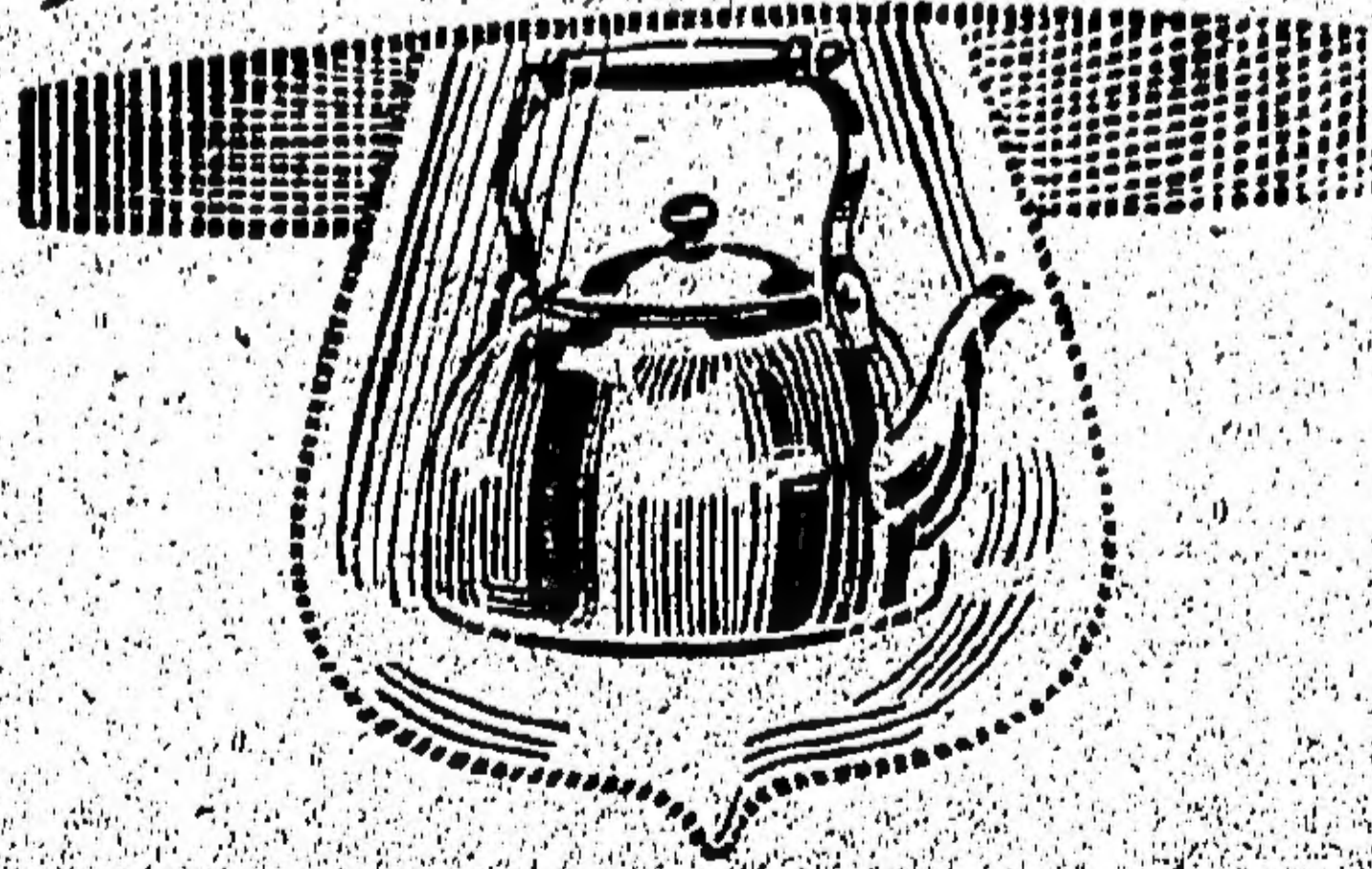
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